



MEMORANDUM

November 26, 2012

File No. 12-112601

TO: All interested parties

FROM: Elizabeth O'Neal, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has developed a draft Quartermaster Harbor Mooring Buoy Management Plan (Management Plan) for state-owned aquatic lands in Quartermaster Harbor, Vashon Island, King County. The plan documents how DNR will establish appropriate locations, densities, and installation methods for mooring buoys, while enforcing appropriate management and regulatory standards in Quartermaster Harbor. When finalized, the Management Plan will be a supplement to the Maury Island Environmental Aquatic Reserve Management Plan (October 29, 2004).

In the Management Plan, DNR considered three management options for the existing, unauthorized recreational mooring buoys in Burton Cove and Dockton areas and along the shoreline of Quartermaster Harbor, Maury Island Environmental Aquatic Reserve. These areas have a high concentration of mooring buoys, and a number of potential navigation and safety, and environmental protection issues have been identified. When properly designed and authorized, mooring buoys provide appropriate public use and access and decrease impacts of anchoring within the Reserve, such as scouring and/or crushing of aquatic vegetation, marine life, and other substrates.

Located in Townships 21 and 22 North, Range 03 East and Township 22 North, Range 02 East, King County

Notice of Public Meeting:

Meeting date: December 6, 2012

Time: 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Place: McMurray Middle School

9329 SW Cemetery Road

Vashon, WA 98070-6105 directions: <http://g.co/maps/mu6yp>

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, Environmental Checklist and Management Plan can be viewed on DNR's website at:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/Pages/NonProjectActions_PR.aspx

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on November 26, 2012. We will consider comments on this proposed Scoping Notice received by 5:00 p.m. on January 7, 2013. **Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center, at P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. You may also email your comments to: sepacenter@wadnr.gov. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.**